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### **SUPPLEMENTAL EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

A supplemental examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 12-20 were indicated as allowable by Examiner Marjorie Christian in the notice of allowance mailed 6/17/10. However, there is an error in allowed claim 12: it depends from the cancelled claim 1. This action amends claim 12 to bring it to a proper independent form with the subject matter from claim 1.

In claim 12, at page 4, line 5, (in step 'g.', the phrase "according to Claim 1" is replaced with the following text:

- - possessing an open-pored integrally asymmetric structure across its wall, a porous separating layer of thickness between 0.1 and 2  $\mu$ m on its inner surface facing a lumen, and an open-pored supporting layer - -

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Krishnan S. Menon whose telephone number is 571-272-1143. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00-4:30.

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